

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Ellisville, the home of Jones County Junior College (JCJC), is a city of approximately 3,465 residents. Ellisville is located just off Interstate 59 eight miles south of Laurel and 20 miles north of Hattiesburg, about 100 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico in the southeastern portion of the state. The climate is inviting, environmental conditions are good, and an excellent spirit of cooperation exists between citizens of the community and the College.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Jones County Junior College was established in 1911 as an agricultural high school to serve Jones County, beginning with five faculty members and 85 students. In 1922 the Mississippi Legislature authorized the inclusion of college courses in agricultural high schools. In response to the needs of students in the area, Jones County Agricultural High School and Junior College began to serve the citizens of Jones County in 1927. The junior college district soon expanded to include seven additional counties: Clarke, Covington, Greene, Jasper, Perry, Smith, and Wayne. In 1957 Jones County Agricultural High School was separated from the junior college as a result of the reorganization plan for the public schools of the state of Mississippi. Jones County Junior College has a long-standing tradition of stability and growth and is committed to academic excellence.

FACULTY

The teaching faculty is integral to the health and educational productivity of Jones County Junior College. Primarily concerned with instruction aimed at the needs of individual students, instructors attend professional meetings, workshops, and seminars and enroll in graduate courses on a periodic basis in order to remain current with new methods and thought in their educational fields.

INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

Jones County Junior College is an open-door, two-year institution granting Associate in Arts degrees, Associated in Applied Science degrees, and Career Certificates; its purpose is to provide programs and support services consistent with the ideals of a democratic society to meet the educational needs of students and communities in the Jones County Junior College district and surrounding areas.

GOALS

- To provide human, financial and physical resources necessary for quality programming.
- To provide educational programs to meet the interests and needs of students.
- To provide resources to work with agencies and industries to enhance economic development.
- To provide educational support services to meet the needs of students and educational programs.
- To provide for educational improvement through continuous planning and assessment.